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TAGS: PFOR, EC, PO

SUBJECT: EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS DISCUSSION OF PORTUGAL

1. MORGAN, ASSISTANT UNDER SECRETARY AT FCO, WHO REPRESENTED UK AT POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETINGS IN DUBLIN APRIL 9-10, HAS INFORMED US OF CONCLUSIONS REACHED BY POLITICAL DIRECTORS AT THAT MEETING ON EC ATTITUDE TOWARD PORTUGAL.

A. NO MAJOR INITIATIVE BY THE EC TOWARD PORTUGAL WAS DESIRABLE BEFORE THE APRIL 25 ELECTIONS.

B. AFTER THE ELECTIONS MEDITERRANEAN EXPERTS OF  
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THE EC MIGHT USEFULLY MEET TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION.

C. IN THE MEANTIME EC MEMBERS SHOULD MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH INDIVIDUAL PORTUGUESE IN ORDER TO SHOW CONTINUING INTEREST OF EC MEMBERS IN PORTUGAL.

D. COMMUNITY HAS ALREADY DEMONSTRATED ITS SUPPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF DEMOCRACY IN PORTUGAL AND AN "IMPULSION POLITIQUE" BY MINISTERS WOULD BE DESIRABLE.

E. MINISTERS WOULD PROBABLY WISH TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION IN PORTUGAL AND THE EC ATTITUDE AT THEIR PRIVATE MEETING IN DUBLIN APRIL 12-13.

2. MORGAN STATED THAT ITALIAN POLITICAL DIRECTOR DUCCI HAD SUGGESTED EC CONSIDER A LARGE ECONOMIC-SOCIAL PACKAGE FOR PORTUGAL WHICH MIGHT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT. MORGAN HAD DEMURRED AT THIS CITING LIMITED ABILITY OF EC COUNTRIES TO PROVIDE SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS OF AID AND SUGGESTING THAT "LITTLE BUT OFTEN" MIGHT BE A BETTER WAY TO PROCEED. COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE MEYER SUPPORTED MORGAN IN THIS AND SAID THAT MASSIVE ECONOMIC PROGRAM FOR PORTUGAL FROM THE EC WAS SIMPLY NOT ON THE CARDS.

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